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1. The proposed amendment to the specification filed on 09/30/96 has not been entered for the following reasons: 1) There is no convincing showing under 37 CFR 1.116(b) why the proposed amendment is necessary and was not earlier presented. 2) It raises new issues that would require further consideration. 3) It is not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

1. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Khiem Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 308-1738.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1148. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 305-3579.

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